

the gentleman from Wisconsin. We are all working hard. We do want to appreciate one another. In that regard, even I myself was just so pleased that I managed to get back to my office at least to watch the last inning of last night's game. So I know how important that is to Mr. Lew.

I just want to say we do want to encourage everybody. My purpose here is that, understand this is important work we are talking about. The differences between ourselves on education are important business that is before the American people. They are going to take time because our differences are so heartfelt. I will not take the time to outline those right now.

What I am saying is let us take a moment to appreciate one another. We are committed to this hard work. We are as committed to our purposes as the White House and the minority are to theirs. This will take some time. So I am sure we will all enjoy each other as we continue to encourage the appropriators.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I really think for the purpose to which I asked for this time, I have really completed what I need to do. I am happy to yield back my time.

#### REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may be allowed to proceed.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the request.

#### ARTHUR "PAPPY" KENNEDY POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4399, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4399, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the 'Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy Post Office'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### EDDIE MAE STEWARD POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of sus-

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The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the 'Eddie Mae Steward Post Office'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4577, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby notify the House of my intention tomorrow to offer the following motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 4577, a bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education.

I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 4577, be instructed to insist on the highest funding level possible for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Fiscal Year 2001 and Fiscal Year 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The notice will appear at this point in the RECORD.

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the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of funds.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The notice will appear at this point in the RECORD.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOHN PORTER

(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of the House a matter that relates to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) if I could ask the House's attention for just a moment.

Mr. Speaker, despite the exchange that just took place, I wanted to take a moment to simply observe to the House that the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) will soon be leaving. I do not know when we will have another chance to say this. I understand that he will have difficulty being here tomorrow because of a death in the family.

But I wanted to take this opportunity to say that I have served with him for many years on the Committee on Appropriations. All of us has served many years with him in this House. Regardless of the differences on issues that we have, he has graced this House with his presence. He has been an honorable adversary as well as a valuable ally on many occasions. I think he has personified the way that we would like to see all Members of the House conduct himself or herself.

On behalf of this gentleman, I simply want to say to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) that we will miss him. We know that whatever he does after he leaves this puzzle factory will be rewarding and constructive.

The gentleman has had a long history of concern, especially for issues of medical research and human rights and many others. I for one simply want to wish him all the luck in the world and to say, despite the many disagreements we are about to have over the next 2 or 3 days, that it has been a privilege to serve with him. I think I speak for every Member of the House in saying that.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. Surely, I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to thank the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) for the comments that he just made about the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER), our friend and colleague. I want to associate myself with those remarks.

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) has been an outstanding Member of this House and has made a big difference in a lot of areas. He has a wealth of knowledge on the issues that he has responsibility for. He is a very distinguished gentleman. His word has always been his bond.